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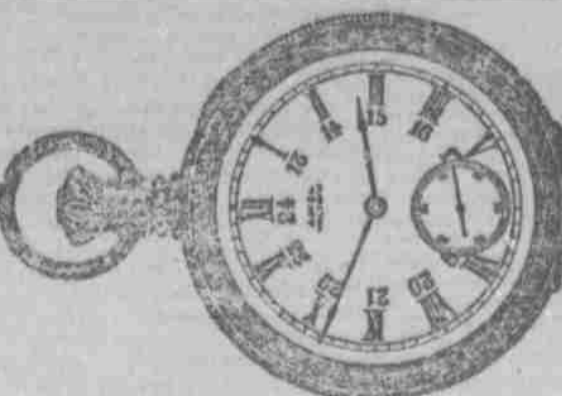
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Territorial Items.

The Pecos district fair will be held at Roswell, on October 4, 5 and 6.

Lesson says that sweet potatoes are a failure in Socorro, as they grow too large for market use. It is hard to please mankind.

At Hillsborough the board of education enumerates over 250 children of school age, and over 250 voters have paid their poll tax.

Experiments have been made at Socorro lately in drying the blue plum or pruned, which has demonstrated the fact that it is a success and is very profitable.

The exhibit of bugs from the agricultural college, by Professor C. H. Tyler Townsend, at the fair, was well worth attention, and embraced 352 different specimens, all from New Mexico.

A. P. Rusk has succeeded J. J. Strong in the management of the Depot Hotel at Deming, while Frank Culver is once more in the traces as cashier.

The county commissioners of Dona Ana County had a short special session last week at which the all important business was the removal of Marcial Valdez from the position of county printer.

Mrs. Julia Rhodes, wife of Col. Hinman Rhodes, late U. S. Indian agent at Mesalero, was injured in the recent railroad collision in Ohio. Mrs. Rhodes was en route to Washington.

W. S. Prager, of Roswell, has been nominated on the republican ticket as candidate for the legislative council from the counties of Lincoln, Chaves, Eddy, Dona Ana and Grant, vice Hawkins declined.

Richard P. Hart came down to Deming from Lordsburg last week, suffering from a dislocated shoulder, the effect of a runaway accident the evening previous. Dr. Bullock reduced the fracture and Mr. Hart is getting along nicely.

Sam Lee, the proprietor of the laundry on Main street, in Las Cruces, surprised a number of the boys the other evening by eating 29 eggs, 2 bowls of rice, a half pound of onions, and some fish, and drinking a half pint of whiskey in fifty minutes. Sam says he is willing to repeat the dose any day if any one will furnish the necessities.

Professor Blount, of the agricultural college, showed at the fair, 480 varieties of wheat, both threshed and in the head, seventy varieties of oats, forty-two of barley, twenty-seven of rye, twenty of native grasses, twenty forage plants, twenty economic plants, and six textile plants. These were all grown at the college and were beautiful specimens.

It has been decided by the Pecos Valley railway company to build another hundred miles of road soon. This will bring it to Roswell and by that time it will be determined whether to build through Lincoln County to Albuquerque or via Ft. Sumner to Bernal, a point sixteen miles south of Las Vegas, on the main line of the Santa Fe.

The Old Abe company, at White Oaks, have been driving for a sufficient supply of water to answer all purposes for a large mill and increased mining facilities. Their efforts have been amply rewarded. A shaft was sunk ninety feet and drilling with a six inch drill was continued for an additional 100 feet. Steam pumps were then placed with a three and one-half inch pipe reaching the bottom of the well, and for several days the pump has been working incessantly on the well, with the result determining that the flow of water, which increases as the standing body of water is gradually lowered, amounts to about 1,800 barrels per day. This is the deepest well ever sunk at White Oaks and demonstrates fully that the opinions of the company and the community in general that an immense underflow of water passes through this district is correct.

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Battle Notes.

The latter end of the season is proving dry on the ranges of eastern Montana and in consequence the bees are not putting on fat so rapidly as was expected early in the season. This fact will be apparent when the returns from market are received. Fortunately the greater portion of the extensive holders of that state are in easy financial circumstances and can hold over their unripe cattle. As a result the marketing from the northwest is likely to fall many thousands head below anticipations of July. As an illustration it may be cited that one company having twenty-five thousand matured steers have given orders to ship but four thousand. The cattle are not suffering but they are not prime and will be given another chance.—Cheyenne Journal.

Here is the way that an Ohio farmer got the best of his bull: "I put on him a muzzle, such as are used to keep horses from biting or eating their bedding; covered the lower part of it with cotton flannel which I kept wet with chloroform. In about ten or fifteen minutes the bull concluded to lie down and take a nap. While under the influence of the anesthetic, to such a degree that I could touch the eyeball without his flinching, I sawed off his horns, dressed the stumps with antiseptic cotton, took off the muzzle, and put a ring in his nose, all of which was done in twenty minutes from the time I entered the stable, and that, too, without any suffering. The bull soon got up, minus his horns, with a jewel in his nose, and probably never will know how it occurred. It cost the price of three ounces of chloroform, but I did not have any tied legs or men sitting on handsprings."

Secretary of Agriculture Rusk has achieved another victory in the interest of the American farmer, and in the line of his official duty as head of the department of the government representing the vast agricultural interests of the country. It is in gaining admission into England of American mutton on the hoof. Heretofore all sheep shipped from this country to England were required to be slaughtered at the port of entry within ten days of arrival. It made no difference whether the market was good or bad, the sheep had to be killed, often entailing much loss. Henceforth it will be different. Sheep may be landed and sold to butchers or farmers and either sent to the slaughter or pasture in any part of the kingdom.

Those who contend that there are as many cattle on the range as ever before should take a run through the range country of Texas, Colorado, New Mexico and Arizona. They can in this way be convinced that over one-half of the cattle that could be seen three years ago are gone.

A Pecos River stock raiser; who ranches below Fort Sumner, but has traveled over a considerable portion of San Miguel County lately, says that unless unusually good rains prevail soon, and the season is in every way favorable, over three-fourths of the cattle in county will die before spring.

C. Hearn, of Fairview, Sierra County, started last week a drive of 600 cattle for Texas. He will have a hard time getting them across the plains, to the east of the Rio Grande, water and grass both being scarce.

A sale of 14,000 New Mexican sheep, to be gathered principally from flocks in San Miguel county, was made by a Las Vegas firm to Utah buyers last week. The prices were not made public.

Mutton sheep are becoming more and more in vogue all over the United States as time goes by. Americans are becoming greater mutton eaters, as the butcher bills in many cities testify.

C. P. Jones, of Chama, had 52 calves on the Deuver market which sold at \$2.92 per cwt., with an average of 270 lbs.

W. J. Hill, of Fairview, started 200 head of cattle last week for the railroad to ship to Kansas.

In a Very Bad Box.

Chicago Inter Ocean.

"I made the awful mistake of making love to my own wife one day last week," said W. T. Mason as he drew a chair up to the charmed circle where sat the story-tellers in the Lindell rotunda. "I had been down to Kankakee on a business trip and took a night train for Chicago, where I reside. The coach was a chock-a-block, with the exception of one double seat, which was occupied by a stylish-looking woman, who sat at the window and had her veil down. I received permission to occupy the seat with her, and we were soon chatting pleasantly. I thought her voice sounded familiar but fate had ordained that I should make an ass of myself. I tried to get her to put up her veil, but she objected that the cinders got into her eyes. To make a long story short, I struck up a desperate flirtation with her. She admitted that she was married, but said her husband was a graceless scamp who was always flirting with other women and neglecting her. Of course I sympathized with her and told her that a man who would neglect so charming a woman ought to be kicked to death by a blind mule. Was I married? Certainly not. Well we finally reached Chicago and I handed her into a cab. Then she lifted her veil. It was my wife. This story stops right here."

They Died Together.

"I have seen a great many men killed," said Burke McMahon at the Southern. "I was with old Pap Thomas at Chickamauga when his corpse stood like a rock for the flower of the Confederacy to beat and break upon, and with Grant when he hurled his columns at the impregnable heights of Vicksburg. I have seen the commanding officers torn to pieces with a shell and beardless boys dead on the battle-field with their mother's picture pressed to their cold lips, but I never had anything affect me like the death of a couple of young railroad men in Texas seven or eight years ago. I was riding on the engine of a fast passenger train, and at Waco the engineer got orders to look out for a brakeman who was missing from the freight we were following. He was supposed to have fallen between the cars of the train. "My brother is brakeman on that train; I wonder if it can be him?" said the fireman. "I'll keep up steam while you stand on the pilot and watch out," replied the engineer.

The fireman took his post in front and we pulled out. We had just gotten well under way when the fireman gave the signal to stop. The engineer applied the air-brakes. They failed to respond and we were on a down grade and could not stop. The missing brakeman was lying on the track, badly mangled, but conscious. He raised his hand and frantically signaled the train, but the great machine went plunging down upon him at the rate of twenty miles an hour. The fireman cast one despairing look at the engineer, then sprang in front of the pilot and hurled his wounded brother off the track. But he was not quick enough to save himself. The engine caught him and crushed both legs off at the hips. As we picked him up he said with a quiet smile: "It's no use boys, I'm done for. But I saved Ned." We laid them down in the baggage car, side by side. Ned put out a feeble hand and clasped that of his brother. "I've got my time, old fellow," he said. "Here too, Ned; we'll make the run to the next world together," was the response, and holding each other by the hand they died without another word."

While workmen were deepening an old stock well on the farm of Andrew Vonderah, near Kokomo, they struck a flowing stream of water, which flashed out and overflowed a part of the farm. The flow continues at the rate of eight barrels per minute, with no sign of abatement.

A petrified log cabin has been unearthed at Waveland, Ark.

A Kansas farmer recently sold his farm for the unique price of 100,000 cigars.

Twenty-seven of the States and Territories have compulsory education laws.

Wars during the last thirty-three years have cost 2,000,000 men and \$3,000,000,000.

An indignant Justice of the Peace in Barry, Ill., fined a poor marksman \$6 for firing six shots at his wife.

The healthiest trade is said to be that of a waller, a man who attends to the pans in salt works. If he falls in he dies, but while he lives he is free from cholera, smallpox, scarlet fever, and probably influenza.

The Maine fisherman spread a table on board their vessels that would surprise the average person. Barrels of cabbage, turnip, sweet corn, fish, meats, canned goods, etc., are included in the outfit; in fact, all the articles necessary for a first class hotel are found in this pantry. Though they handle immense quantities of fish, neither on board nor at their homes does it often appear.

Some good Methodist brother was in his barn a short time ago trying to harness a nervous horse; but the horse wouldn't be harnessed and gave the operator a kick. Fear of Old Nick or something else kept the good brother from swearing, but the smart was too great for humanity to endure. So he frantically jumped around, rubbed the sore spot, compressed his lips, closed his fists and let out his whole soul in the monosyllable—"Plunk!"

A novel spectacle of a steam vessel being stoked with bank notes was witnessed recently at a Mediterranean port. Forty-five sacks of the apparently valuable paper were forced into the furnace of the vessel's boiler under the eyes of the stokers, who seemed to desire to possess themselves of at least a handful of what they somewhat inelegantly termed "rum fuel."

The notes were cancelled documents of the Bank of Algiers; whose manager watched the combustion.